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SUBJECT: RENEWAL OF SUBMARINE LOAN TO ITALY

REF: STATE 261726

1. PARAGRAPHS NUMBER TWO AND THREE CONTAIN BRIEF RATIONALE REQUESTED IN REFTEL.

2. THE SUBMARINE TORRICELLI (EX-USS LIZARDFISH) IS BEING USED BY THE ITALIAN NAVY PRIMARILY FOR TRAINING AND EXPERIMENTAL PURPOSES. THESE ACTIVITIES ARE IN DIRECT SUPPORT OF OPERATIONAL FORCES (SURFACE AND SUBSURFACE) OF THE ITALIAN NAVY EARMARKED FOR NATO AND CONTRIBUTE SIGNIFICANTLY TO THE ASW STATE OF TRAINING AND READINESS OF THESE FORCES.

3. SHOULD THE LOAN NOT BE RENEWED, THE ITALIAN NAVY WOULD BE REQUIRED TO ASSIGN THIS NECESSARY ROLE TO A SUBMARINE PERFORMING DUTIES WITHIN THE MEDITERRANEAN FRAMEWORK UNTIL SUCH TIME AS A REPLACEMENT COULD BE PROVIDED. THE CURRENT NAVY BUDGET AND ITS OUTLOOK RAISE SERIOUS DOUBT AS TO THEIR ABILITY TO OBTAIN A SATISFACTORY REPLACEMENT IN A REASONABLE PERIOD OF TIME. VOLPE

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